



Washington State  
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## Wildlife Response Service Provider (WRSP) Application

### INTRODUCTION

The information provided in this application will be used to verify and evaluate your Wildlife Response Service Provider (WRSP) application, and may be used to support oil spill contingency plan approvals submitted under Chapter 173-182 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Oil Spill Contingency Plan Rule and Chapter 173-186 WAC Oil Spill Contingency Plan - Railroad Rule. WRSP applications are subject to a 30 day public review and comment period prior to receiving approval from the state, in accordance with WAC 173-182-640. All information provided in the application is subject to public disclosure.

#### WAC 173-182-840

Ecology shall inspect contracts, letters of intent (LOIs), employee training records, and conduct a test of the WRSP call-out procedures. A combination of training and experience in drills and spills may be used to describe personnel capabilities within response roles.

#### WAC 173-182-850

Significant changes in WRSP applications require notification. The WRSP is responsible to provide written notification to Ecology and all plan holders to whom they are obligated, within twenty-four hours, of any significant change in the information reported in the approved application.

#### WAC 173-182-900

Ecology may verify compliance with this chapter by examining training records, accuracy of call-out and notification lists, spill management team lists, incident command system (ICS) forms, post-spill reviews, and records on lessons learned.

Oil spill responses present opportunities to gather information on the effectiveness of your personnel resources. In the event WRSP personnel are deployed for spill response operations, Ecology may require documentation of performance and lessons learned from the WRSP.

**Submit completed and signed application via email to [contractorapp@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:contractorapp@ecy.wa.gov) or via mail to:**

**Washington Department of Ecology  
Spill Preparedness Section – Wildlife Response Service Provider Application Review  
PO Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-7600**

## A – CONTACT INFORMATION

**Company Name:**  
Focus Wildlife

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Chris Battaglia

**Mailing Address:**  
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**City:**  
Anacortes

**State:** WA **Zip:** 98221

**Physical Address:**  
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**City:**  
Anacortes

**State:** WA **Zip:** 98221

**Primary Phone Number:**  
1-800-578-3048/310-386-5965

**Primary Fax Number:**  
NA

**Email:**  
chris@focuswildlife.org

## B – SIGNATURE

The information in this application is accurate and Focus Wildlife is committed to:

1. Have a process to provide 24 hour per day contact for wildlife response services. WAC 173-182-830
2. Begin mobilization efforts immediately upon notification but no later than two hours from notification of a spill. WAC 173-182-830
3. Assist plan holders in meeting the requirements for plans and drills in Washington. WAC 173-182-830
4. Implementation and use of the contingency plan(s) to which they are contracted during a spill and substantial threat of a spill, and the training of personnel to implement the plan. WAC 173-182-830
5. Work in unified command within the incident command system to ensure that all personnel and equipment resources necessary to the response will be called out to clean up the spill safely and to the maximum extent practicable. WAC 173-182-830
6. Provide written notification to ecology and all plan holders to whom they are obligated, within twenty-four hours, of any significant change in the information reported in the approved application. WAC 173-182-850

Chris Battaglia

Printed Name

President

Title

Signature (electronic signature is acceptable)

July 28, 2023

Date

## Fill out only the sections that apply to your company

### C – PERSONNEL INFORMATION: WAC 173-182-840(1) and WAC 173-182-840(5)

Include a list of response personnel and indicate whether they are full time, part-time, dedicated, or non-dedicated employees and their home base or office location. Dedicated means either full-time or part-time employee of the WRSP. Non-dedicated means any personnel resource available under contract, LOI, or other approvable means. Non-dedicated relationships will be verified during the application review process.

Identify personnel capable of filling the wildlife branch director role or other command post support roles. Identify wildlife operations field staff to conduct and manage the various aspects of a wildlife response including reconnaissance, deterrence, recovery, stabilization, and rehabilitation.

Name	ICS and/or Wildlife Response Role(s)	Home Base / Office	Employment Status
Chris Battaglia	<p>IC: WBD; Deputy WBD; Liason/Specialist; Planning; Logistics</p> <p>Group Spvsr: Reconnaissance; Capture &amp; Monitoring; Deterrence; Stabilization; Transportation; Facility Coordinator</p> <p>Team Leader/Team: All positions</p>	Anacortes, WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated
Lana Battaglia	<p>IC: WBD; Deputy WBD; Liason/Specialist; Planning; Logistics; Documentation Specialist</p> <p>Group Spvsr: Reconnaissance; Capture &amp; Monitoring; Deterrence; Stabilization; Transportation; Wildlife Care; Volunteer Coordinator</p> <p>Team Leader/Team: All positions</p>	Anacortes, WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated
Jenny Schlieps	<p>IC: WBD; Deputy WBD; Liason/Specialist; Planning; Logistics; Documentation Specialist</p> <p>Group Spvsr: Reconnaissance; Capture &amp; Monitoring; Deterrence; Stabilization; Transportation; Wildlife Care; Volunteer Coordinator; Facility Coordinator</p> <p>Team Leader/Team: All positions</p>	Seattle, WA	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated
Tracy Anderson	<p>IC: Documentation Specialist</p> <p>Group Spvsr: Reconnaissance; Stabilization; Transportation; Wildlife Care; Volunteer Coordinator</p> <p>Team Leader/Team: All positions</p>	Vancouver, BC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated

<b>Marie Travers</b>	<b>IC:Documentation Specialist</b>  <b>Group Spvsr:</b> Reconnaissance; Capture & Monitoring; Deterrence; Stabilization; Transportation; Wildlife Care; Volunteer Coordinator; Facility Coordinator  <b>Team Leader/Team: All positions</b>	<b>El Sobrante, CA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated
<b>Shawn Breeding</b>	<b>Team: Facility; Capture; Deterrence</b>	<b>Anacortes, WA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated
<b>January Bill</b>	<b>IC:Documentation specialist</b>  <b>Group Spvsr:</b> Reconnaissance; Capture & Monitoring; Deterrence; Stabilization; Transportation; Wildlife Care; Volunteer Coordinator; Facility Coordinator  <b>Team Leader/Team: All positions</b>	<b>Klamath Falls, OR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated
<b>Corrie Hines, DVM</b>	<b>Response Veterinarian</b>  <b>Group Spvsr:</b> Reconnaissance; Stabilization; Transportation; Wildlife Care; Volunteer Coordinator  <b>Team Leader/Team: All positions</b>	<b>Montesano, WA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated
<b>Laura Corsiglia</b>	<b>Group Spvsr:</b> Reconnaissance; Stabilization; Transportation; Wildlife Care; Volunteer Coordinator  <b>Team Leader/Team: All positions</b>	<b>Arcata, CA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated
<b>Jose Rios</b>	<b>Team: Facility; Capture; Deterrence</b>	<b>Winslow, WA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated
<b>Mark Gibson</b>	<b>Team: Facility; Capture; Deterrence</b>	<b>Kent, WA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-dedicated



Focus Wildlife is on call 24 hours/day in the event of a spill that may affect wildlife. Spill notification contact is Chris Battaglia (1-800-578-3048 or 310-386-5965) or Jenny Schlieps (360-391-7777). The 1-800 number directs calls to both home base and cell number. Mobilization for wildlife impact assessment and search and capture operations will begin immediately after notification

**E2.** Describe estimated personnel response times for arrival in state, based on the standby or call back status of the person, their home base, and travel time. Describe the order of priority for call-out.

The majority of Focus Wildlife response personnel reside in Washington, and can generally mobilize throughout the state within 1-4 hours after notification, depending on the specific location. Response personnel residing outside of Washington are able to arrive within 2-12 hours after activation, depending on location. Responders residing near the southern or northern portion of the WA state border will be able to mobilize to the state within 2-8 hours after activation.

Call out is prioritized by Focus Wildlife's core oiled wildlife response team, which will form the initial wildlife impact assessment team. The assessment team will determine further call-out needs and order depending on spill-specific requirements.

In addition to those listed in this application, Focus Wildlife maintains a cadre of oiled wildlife responders throughout the Pacific Northwest that can be readily mobilized. The list will be made available to Ecology upon request

## **F – TRAINING INFORMATION: WAC 173-182-840(4)**

**F1.** Include a list of the type and frequency of training staff receive as applicable by ICS position. The training must be position specific for the roles that may be filled by the WRSP. A combination of training experience in drills and spills may be used to describe personnel capability within response roles. The list may be organized by position or may be an inventory of staff training levels.

The following categories of training, at a minimum, should be described as applicable to the role:

1. ICS training
2. NWACP policies and response tools
3. Use and location of GRPs
4. Contents of the contingency plan(s)
5. Worker health and safety requirements including Washington state specific regulations
6. Specific training relevant to key wildlife response roles and capabilities.

All full time and part-time staff are trained annually in the following: 40 hour or 24 hour HAZWOPER (refresher); Safety and site safety assessment; assessment of environmental conditions; operation of response equipment (specific to staff roles); Job Safety analysis and hazard analysis worksheets; ICS; familiarity with NWACP/NWRCP and Northwest GRPs; terrestrial and marine wildlife response strategies.

Core staff attend 8-12 drills in Washington annually, including tabletop, WCD and full equipment deployment drills. Focus Wildlife core staff respond to 2-3 oil spills per year on average and have each responded to over 15 spills for Focus Wildlife, including large scale spills, and additional spills for other response organizations. Core staff frequently act as Wildlife Liaison/Technical Specialist of Deputy Wildlife Branch Director.

See attached training matrices for further information.

**F2.** Describe the responsibility for training based on employment status (full-time, part-time, or non-dedicated) and indicate whether the employer or employee is responsible for maintaining training. Describe how the employer verifies training compliance.

Full-time, part-time and non-dedicated personnel are required to complete and maintain certification for 40-hour or 24-hour HAZWOPER (position-specific); ICS 100/200 and ICS 700/800. Wildlife capture, deterrence and rehabilitation training is provided in-house or through national/international trainings and conferences. Continuing education certification is required under Washington rehabilitation permits and is tracked internally and by WDFW.

**G1.** Include a detailed description of wildlife response tactics that may be provided such as initial wildlife assessment, reconnaissance, deterrence, capture, stabilization, and rehabilitation.

All phases of oiled wildlife response tactics are provided by Focus Wildlife. Phases include the following:

Incident Command:

- Wildlife Branch Director/Deputy Wildlife Branch Director
- Wildlife Liaison/Technical Specialist
- Wildlife Branch Coordination with JIC/PIO

Field Operations:

- Wildlife Impact Assessment
- Incident-specific wildlife response planning
- Reconnaissance and monitoring
- Deterrence and hazing
- Search and capture, including pre-emptive capture
- Carcass collection; morgue storage and evidence documentation
- Field stabilization and transport to primary facility
- Communication coordination between field and rehabilitation operations

Facility Operations:

- Facility and equipment management (Focus Wildlife owned equipment as PRC)
- Facility siting and upgrade renovation to meet regulatory requirements and incident-specific needs
- Facility maintenance and demobilization

Rehabilitation Operations:

- Processing and evidence collection/documentation
- Intake: Medical examination, critical care and triage
- Primary stabilization
- Decontamination and pre-release conditioning

Release:

- Pre-release evaluation; banding, transport; release site assessment; media management

through PIO

Volunteer and workforce management:

- training and coordination
- Information management and documentation

Demobilization:

- Personnel, facilities and equipment

**G2.** Identify personnel that hold wildlife rehabilitation permits with oiled wildlife endorsements. Submit a copy of the permit with the application or include a statement indicating that the permit will be made available to Ecology for review upon request.

**Chris Battaglia and Jenny Schlieps both hold Washington state wildlife rehabilitation permits with oiled wildlife endorsements. The permit authorizes the rehabilitation of amphibians; reptiles; small, medium, and large mammals; all migratory bird species occurring in Washington, including raptors (separate endorsement). Chris Battaglia holds a USFWS Migratory Bird Permit specific to oiled wildlife. Focus Wildlife also holds permits in Oregon and provincial and federal permits in British Columbia in the event of cross-border/transboundary spill. See attached WDFW and USFWS permits; others available upon request.**